

FISCAL NOTE
SB 64 - HB 407

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates one additional chancery court and two additional criminal courts in the 20th Judicial District (Davidson County). The judges will be appointed by the Governor and serve until September, 2004 when successors elected in the August, 2004 election will take office.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$736,600 Recurring
\$102,000 One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$181,000 Recurring
\$10,000 One-Time

Assumes:

- State expenditures include salaries, benefits and one-time start-up costs for 3 judges, 3 secretaries, and 2 assistant district attorneys general. Also includes the costs of 2 court reporters for the criminal courts.
- Local government expenditures include salaries, benefits, and one-time start-up costs for 2 assistant public defenders since employees of the Davidson County Office of the Public Defender are not included under the State Public Defenders Conference. Also, local government expenditures include the costs for rent, utilities, communications, supplies, etc. that are covered by Davidson County for judges of the 20th Judicial District.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

